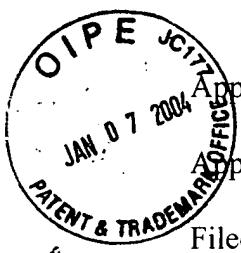


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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 25, 2003 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Applicant hereby calls the following information to the Examiner's attention:

Applicant submits herewith a copy of a United Kingdom Search Report from the United Kingdom Patent Office dated October 22, 2003, with respect to counterpart United Kingdom Patent Application GB 0314962.2, in conjunction with which the United Kingdom Patent Examiner cited the following documents:

United States Patent No. 5,478,990 to MONTANARI et al., that issued on December 26, 1995;

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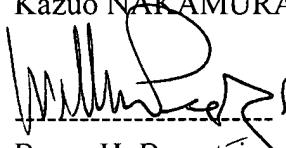
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto along with a copy of the United Kingdom search report. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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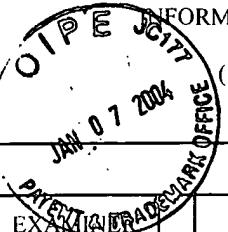
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